Telecommunication facilities in Mangaldai

2958. SHRIMATI BIJOYA CHAKRAVARTY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the telephones subscribers of Mangaldai the head quarters of Darrang, have been denied the facilities for outside communications except for Guwahati and Tripura for a long time;

(b) is it also a fact that Mangaldai has to depend upon Tezpur and Guwahati for telecommunication in and outside the State;

(c) if so, whether micro-wave system is going to be set up at Mangaldai; and

(d) if so, by when the system will start working?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) No, Sir. Mangaldai Subscribers get their trunk telephone connections for all telephone exchanges working in the country.

(b) Yes Sir.

(c) A Radio System (UHF) is planned for commissioning between Mangaldai and Guwahati during the Seventh Plan period.

(d) The Radio System (UHF) is targetted for commissioning during the last quarter of 1989-90 subject to timely receipt of the equipment.

Clearance of Mangalore Refinery and petrochemical project

2959. SHRI J. P. JAVALI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the proposal for clearance of the Mangalore Refinery and Petrochemical project is pending with the Central Government; and

(b) if so, by when a final decision is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT): (a) Government have approved the preparation of a Detailed Project Report for the setting up of a 3.0 MTPA Petrochemical refinery in Mangalore in the joint sector.

(b) At present, detailed project report is under preparation. It is expected to be submitted to Government by March, 1989. Final decision will be taken after the DPR is received, examined and necessary clearance obtained.

Post Office at Vemapalli in Andhra Pradesh

2960. DR NARREDDY THULASI REDDY: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal of opening a new post-office at Vemapalli in Cuddapah district of Andhra Pradesh in 1989-90;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI GIRIDHAR GOMANGO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Increasing the supply of kerosene to Gujarat

2961. SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact the many kerosene agents in Gujarat State have complained to the Government for